

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., District No. 7

A meeting of the **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND PURCHASING**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on **Monday, March 8, 2004**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:14 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Council Member District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mr. Dennis L. Fish, Council Member District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Steve C. Davis, Council Member District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney; and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

Chairman Pinckney called the meeting to order and asked for approval of minutes from the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing Meeting held February 9, 2004.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Steve Davis and seconded by Council Member Fish to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

A. Frank Carson, PE, County Engineer & Public Works Director, Re: A resolution requesting funding of a study to enhance and promote public boating access.

Mr. Frank Carson stated that over the past few months he had attended meetings with representatives from five other coastal county councils with regard to the common and different aspects of boat landings and water accesses when comparing those counties. This Resolution would request the legislative delegation to carry out a study analyzing the economic impacts and look at sustainable funding sources for boat landing maintenance and construction. Prior to this past legislative term, the legislative delegation controlled how water recreation funds were spent. The County did not get funds directly, but rather filtered funds through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). With the new legislation, DNR holds and spends the money, but the delegation can make suggestions, recommendations and establish priorities. That is what the legislative delegation is being asked to do in this Resolution. Berkeley County would not

be charged for this study, as this Resolution would ask for the funds to be provided from elsewhere.

Mr. Carson continued by stating that it was unknown what the study would cost. The County is still working on a scope of work for the study. Berkeley County is interested in having a standard to follow for a sustainable funding source for boat landing maintenance in this county. The study would be performed by one or more consultants. One aspect would be the physical needs of the boat landing and another would be the economic impact.

Council Member Crosby asked if there was money available for this?

Mr. Carson replied that there was money available. The allocation for Berkeley County should be over \$90,000 per year, but in the past 12 years, the County had not received a cent of that money.

It was moved by Council Member Spooner and seconded by Council Member Crosby to approve a Resolution to request the Berkeley County Legislative Delegation to recommend certain funds for a study to enhance and promote public boating access. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

B. Consideration of a Resolution authorizing disposition of **surplus property** of Berkeley County.

Mr. John F. Hamer stated that the surplus property was composed of vehicles that had been “deadlined” from the County’s fleet. The Resolution requested permission for these vehicles to be declared surplus for sale by public auction or sealed bid.

It was moved by Council Member Spooner and seconded by Council Member Steve Davis to approve a Resolution designating surplus property of Berkeley County and authorizing the disposal of the surplus property. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

C. Ms. Pamela Powell, Administrative Services Director, Re: Sole Source Purchase of required GIS Data Base upgrade.

Ms. Pamela Powell stated her request for the sole source purchase of database upgrades to Berkeley County’s GIS System from Sesame Systems in the amount of \$16,000. Berkeley County has a commitment from the State Budget Control Board of an \$11,000 reimbursement. A request for a \$16,000 reimbursement will be made to the Board, and it is known that at least \$11,000 of that money will be reimbursed.

It was moved by Council Member Charles Davis and seconded by Council Member Crosby to approve the sole source purchase of upgrades to the County’s GIS System in the amount of \$16,000 from Sesame Systems, with the understanding that at

least \$11,000 of that \$16,000 will be reimbursed to the County by the State Budget Control Board. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

D. John F. Hamer, CPPB, Director of Procurement, Re: Bids and Recommendations:

1. Berkeley County Office Building

Mr. Dennis Ashley, with D&A Architect, stated bids were accepted on the Berkeley County Services Building last week. The low bid, submitted by Harbor Contracting, was \$4,270,000, which was \$100,000 lower than the next bidder. The County's budgeted allocation for this work was \$6,400,000 and significantly higher than the low bid. Eleven contractors bid on this project. Harbor's prior work experience includes construction of the Summerville Town Hall, Hanahan, and the Woodlands. The library portion of the project was not added to the base bid. Alternate #1, in the amount of \$26,300, which is being recommended, adds diagnostic controls for remote control of the mechanical systems of the building by lap top computer.

Mr. Ashley continued by stating that a test was conducted to see if the state contract for carpet would offer an advantage to the County. The state contract amount was approximately \$7,000 more than the amounts on low bid to the contractor. So, that would not be taken as an alternate.

It was moved by Council Member Spooner and seconded by Council Member Charles Davis to accept the low base bid along with Alternate #1, in the amount of \$4,296,300, from Harbor Contracting, LLC, for construction renovations to the Berkeley County Services Center. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

2. SCIBRS Record Management System Software

Mr. Hamer stated this request was for a software package in the Sheriff's Department to be used in submitting incident reports to SLED. Two bids were received for this software, and the low bidder was WTH Technology Group, in the amount of \$55,679 (to include an annual maintenance cost for one year).

It was moved by Council Member Fish and seconded by Council Member Crosby to accept the low bidder of WTH Technology Group, in the amount of \$55,679 (to include an annual maintenance cost for one year), for SCIBRS Record Management System Software at the Sheriff's Department. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

3. Berkeley County Court House and Annex Selective Roof Replacement

Mr. Hamer requested that Agenda Item **D-3** be held in Committee, because a report from the engineering firm had not been received in time for the evening's presentation.

With no objection from the Committee, Agenda Item **D-3**, Berkeley County Court House and Annex Selective Roof Replacement, will be presented during a Special Meeting of the Public Works & Purchasing Committee on March 15th.

E. Cheryl Lyons, Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority Purchasing Director, Re: Bids and Recommendations for the following:

1. Re-Bid Sangaree Special Tax District Residential Solid Waste Franchise.
2. Recommendation from Sangaree Special Tax District – Commercial Solid Waste Disposal for Sangaree Special District.

Mr. Marc Hehn requested that Agenda Items **E-1** and **E-2** be held until Mr. David Jennings, Attorney for the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority, was present.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Spooner for the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing Meeting to enter into recess. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The Committee entered into recess at 6:29 p.m., and reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

Chairman Pinckney stated Agenda Items **E-1** and **E-2** would be converted into one item for discussion. In doing so, Chairman Pinckney called Mr. David Jennings to the podium.

Mr. Jennings, in referring to Agenda Items **E-1** and **E-2**, stated that the recommendation to full Council on each bid process would be to reject all bids and to authorize staff to re-bid.

Mr. Jennings continued by stating one of the bidders wrote Council a letter, and that individual was in the audience with his attorney this evening. Mr. Jennings explained that rejecting all bids is not a protestable event. It would be up to the Committee as to whether they would be permitted to speak. Mr. Jennings and this individual's attorney had already made plans to meet and have conversation regarding this issue.

It was moved by Council Member Charles Davis and seconded by Council Member Fish to reject all bids submitted for the Sangaree Special Tax District Residential Solid Waste Franchise and Commercial Solid Waste Franchise, and to authorize the staff of the Berkeley County Water and Sanitation Authority to open the process for re-bid. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Council Member Crosby and seconded by Council Member Spooner to adjourn the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing. This motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

April 12, 2004
Date Approved

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AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 9, 2004

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- 2.** SCIBRS Record Management System Software.
- 3.** Berkeley County Court House and Annex Selective Roof Replacement.

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2. Recommendation from Sangaree Special Tax District – Commercial Solid Waste Disposal for Sangaree Special District.

March 3, 2004
S/Barbara B. Austin
Clerk of County Council